

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of Claims in the Application.

Please amend Claims 128 and 246.

Claims 1 through 127 are cancelled and Claims 136 through 232 are cancelled and are withdrawn from consideration.

128 (Currently Amended). A fishing rod holder assembly for holding one or more fishing rods, comprising:

- a) a rod holder flush mounted within a gunwale of a boat;
- b) two or more fishing rod holders extending upwardly each for holding a separate fishing rod therein;
- c) a U-shaped fishing rod holder support stanchion member including an anchoring post and a horizontal crossbar member connected thereto in an offset manner;
- d) said horizontal crossbar member having a first opposing end and a second opposing end;
- e) said first opposing end having a first upwardly extending holding post connected thereto and said second opposing end having a second upwardly extending holding post connected thereto for forming a U-shaped configuration thereof;

- f) said anchoring post being mounted within said flush mounted rod holder; and
- g) a first attachment element having at least one end shaped at an angle relative to the vertical axis for attaching one of said fishing rod holders to said first upwardly extending holding post of said fishing rod holder support stanchion member and a second attachment element having at least one end shaped at an angle relative to the vertical axis for attaching a second one of said fishing rod holders to said second upwardly extending holding post of said fishing rod holder support stanchion member for forming a fishing rod holder assembly thereof.

129 (Previously Amended). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein said anchoring post is connected to said horizontal crossbar member in a perpendicular relationship to said horizontal crossbar member.

130 (Original Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein said anchoring post having a proximal end and a distal end, said proximal end including a locking notched end.

131 (Original Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein said fishing rod holder assembly is integrally connected to form a unitary constructed unit.

132 (Original Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is made from materials being rust resistant that are selected from the group consisting of durable plastics, steel, stainless steel, aluminum and titanium.

133 (Previously Amended). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 131, wherein said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is made of tubular construction to form said unitary constructed unit.

134 (Previously Amended). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 133, wherein said tubular construction of said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is formed by welding to form said unitary constructed unit.

135 (Previously Amended). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 133, wherein said tubular construction of said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is formed by tubular bending to form said unitary construction unit.

233 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein said first attachment element includes a first circular clamping member for receiving therein said first upwardly extending holding post, and said second attachment element includes a second circular clamping member for receiving therein said second upwardly extending holding post.

234 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein each of said first and second upwardly extending holding posts is disposed at an angle relative to the vertical axis.

235 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 234, wherein said angle is between 0° and 90° from the vertical axis.

236 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein each of said first and second upwardly extending holding posts are perpendicular to said horizontal crossbar member.

237 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with claim 128, wherein at least one of said first and second upwardly extending holding posts are at an angle to a vertical Y-axis relative to said horizontal crossbar member.

238 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 237, wherein said angle is between 0° and 90° .

239 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein said horizontal crossbar member further includes a third upwardly extending holding post connected to said horizontal crossbar member.

240 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 239, wherein said anchoring post is connected to said horizontal crossbar member between said third upwardly extending holding post and one of said first and second upwardly extending holding posts for forming a trident-shaped configuration.

241 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein said horizontal crossbar member includes a telescoping receiving end for receiving an L-shaped telescoping member therein for forming an adjustable telescoping trident-shaped configuration.

242 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 241, wherein said L-shaped telescoping member includes a third vertical holding post and a telescoping horizontal crossbar member having an opening therein.

243 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 242, wherein said telescoping horizontal crossbar member includes a turn-stop opening for receiving a turn-stop member therethrough.

244 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 243, wherein said telescopic receiving end includes a plurality of turn-stop crossbar openings for receiving said turn-stop member therethrough, such that said telescoping receiving end is slidably received within said opening of said telescoping horizontal crossbar member of said L-shaped telescoping member in order to adjust an appropriate length of said telescoping horizontal crossbar member when said turn-stop member is tightened within said turn-stop opening and one of said turn-stop crossbar openings, respectively.

245 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder assembly in accordance with Claim 128, wherein said first upwardly extending holding post rotates relative to said second upwardly extending holding post.

246 (Currently Amended). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member for holding multiple fishing rod holders in combination with a boat mounted rod holder, comprising:

a) a U-shaped fishing rod holder support stanchion member including an anchoring post and a horizontal crossbar member connected thereto in an offset manner;

b) said horizontal crossbar member having a first opposing end and a second opposing end; ~~and~~

c) said first opposing end having a first upwardly extending holding post connected thereto and said second opposing end having a second upwardly extending holding post connected thereto for forming a U-shaped configuration thereof; and

d) two or more fishing rod holders extending upwardly each for holding a separate fishing rod therein; each of said fishing rod holders being connected to one of said upwardly extending holding posts.

247 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said anchoring post is connected to said horizontal crossbar member in a perpendicular relationship to said horizontal crossbar member.

248 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein each of said first and second upwardly extending holding posts are at an angle to a vertical Y-axis relative to said horizontal crossbar member.

249 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 248, wherein said angle is between 0° and 90° from the vertical Y-axis.

250 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein at least one of said first and second upwardly extending holding posts are at an angle to a vertical Y-axis relative to said horizontal crossbar member.

251 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 250, wherein said angle is between 0° and 90°.

252 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein each of said first and second upwardly extending holding posts are perpendicular to said horizontal crossbar member.

253 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said anchoring post has a proximal end and a distal end, said proximal end including a locking notched end.

254 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said horizontal crossbar member further includes a third upwardly extending holding post connected to said horizontal crossbar member.

255 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 254, wherein said anchoring post is connected to said horizontal crossbar member between said third upwardly extending holding post and one of said first and second vertical holding posts for forming a trident-shaped configuration.

256 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said horizontal crossbar member includes a telescoping receiving end for receiving an L-shaped telescoping member therein for forming an adjustable telescoping trident-shaped configuration.

257 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 256, wherein said L-shaped telescoping member includes a third vertical holding post and a telescoping horizontal crossbar member having an opening therein.

258 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 257, wherein said telescoping horizontal crossbar member includes a turn-stop opening for receiving a turn-stop member therethrough.

259 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 258, wherein said telescopic receiving end includes a plurality of turn-stop crossbar openings for receiving said turn-stop member therethrough, such that said telescoping receiving end is slidably received within said opening of said telescoping horizontal crossbar member of said L-shaped telescoping member in order to adjust an appropriate length of said telescoping horizontal crossbar member when said turn-stop member is tightened within an adjacent turn-stop opening and one of said turn-stop crossbar openings, respectively.

260 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said first upwardly extending holding post rotates relative to said second upwardly extending holding post.

261 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is integrally connected to form a unitary constructed unit.

262 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is made from materials being rust resistant that are selected from the group consisting of durable plastics, steel, stainless steel, aluminum and titanium.

263 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 261, wherein said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is made of tubular construction to form said unitary constructed unit.

264 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 263, wherein said tubular construction of said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is formed by welding to form said unitary constructed unit.

265 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 263, wherein said tubular construction of said fishing rod holder support stanchion member is formed by tubular bending to form said unitary constructed unit.

266 (Original New Claim). A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said horizontal crossbar member includes three or more upwardly extending holding posts connected thereto.

267 (Original New Claim) A fishing rod holder support stanchion member in accordance with Claim 246, wherein said anchoring post is detachably mounted within a clamp-type mounted rod holder on a rail of a boat or a flush-mounted rod holder on a gunwale of a boat.

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